# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: December 2014





The Howard County Council will host our next Legislative Session on Monday, December 1, 2014. Below, you will find legislation the Council prefiled for the month of December and the legislation under consideration at the Council's next

Voting Session. I encourage you to be a part of the legislative process and submit testimony on bills under consideration. To do so, email the Council at <a href="mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov">councilmail@howardcountymd.gov</a>.

For details on legislation passed during the prior General Assembly's session, please contact **Dan Furman** at **410-841-3360** or email **hoc1@mlis.state.md.us**.

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY 2014**

The new Howard County Council will be sworn in on Monday, December 1, 2014 before the Legislative Session. You may watch the live streaming on the ceremony by going to the "Watch Us" section of our webpage, or by clicking here. There is a link at the top of the page for this special event.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

All the following County Council Legislation can be found <u>online</u>. (Any other legislation under consideration can also be found <u>online</u>.)

#### **GENERAL**

## **CB54-2014** (ZRA 152)

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add provisions concerning the use and

subdivision of R-ED properties that contain Agricultural Land Preservation Easements; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

#### CR123-2014

## **Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Howard County, Maryland and Riverwatch Elkridge LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership, for a multifamily rental housing development to be known as Riverwatch.

Final Action:

Votes:

### CR124-2014

# Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County containing approximately 3 acres to the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

### CR125-2014

## Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive

to convey certain real property owned by the County containing approximately 2.142 acres to Rock Realty, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

## TABLED APPOINTMENTS

## CR80-2014

# Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William E. Erskine to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

Last Action: Tabled on 7/25/2014

Votes: Unanimous

#### CR100-2014

# Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Judy Harris to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Last Action: Tabled on 10/6/2014

Votes: Unanimous

#### CR105-2014

## Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of E. Randolph Marriner to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Last Action: Tabled on 10/6/2014

Votes: Unanimous

### CR118-2014

## Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION reappointing John D. Lederer to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2019.

Last Action: Tabled on 10/29/2014

Votes: Unanimous

#### THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday Legislative work session, if needed

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, December 8, 2014 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, December 22, 2014 at 4:30 pm: Legislative Work Session
- Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, January 12, 2015 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 8:30 pm: Quarterly meeting with the Board of Education
- Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, January 26, 2015 at 4:30 pm: Legislative Work Session

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click <a href="here">here</a>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions <u>online</u> and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.

Sign-up computers will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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